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SUBJECT: GOL REQUEST US ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING EXPERTS TO EVALUATE
QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF TWO JAPANESE ELECTRIC POWER
STEAM UNITS

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1. REFERRING TO TWO TOSHIBA TURBO UNITS PURCHASED BY GOL IN 1970 AND TO PUBLIC CRITICISM OF QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY OF THESE UNITS, MINISTER OF HYDRAULIC AND ELECTRIC RESOURCES (JOSEPH SKAF) HAS FORMALLY REQUESTED IN WRITING OUR ASSISTANCE ON BEHALF OF GOL IN OBTAINING SERVICES OF TWO EMINENT US SPECIALISTS SOONEST TO APPRAISE UNITS FOR QUALITY AND EFFICIENCY. ONE SPECIALIST REQUESTED FROM US BUREAU OF RECALAMT EN, AND ONE FROM EDISON INSTITUTE. GOL WOULD PAY ALL EXPENSES.

2. TWO QUALIFIED EXPERTS WOULD REPORT THEIR FINDINGS TO HIM DIRECTLY AFTER WHICH HE WOULD REPORT TO PRESIDENT FRANGIE.

3. IN LIGHT OF VARIOUS NATIONAL "HONORS" INVOLVED AND PRESENT POLITICAL SITUATION, IT COULD BE CONSIDERED SOMEWHAT FLATTERING THAT US HAS BEEN CHOSEN AS SOURCE OF EXPERTS.

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IN FACT, SKAF'S SELECTION OF US COULD LEAVE HIM OPEN TO

EVENTUAL CRITICISM IN THIS AREA OF GOVERNMENT PROCUREMENT WHERE INFIGHTING CAN GET ROUGH. NEVERTHELESS, WE BELIEVE DECISION IS FOR GOL TO MAKE AND THAT IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO LEND OUR FULL AND BEST SUPPORT. WE RECOMMEND, THEREFORE, THAT THE DEPARTMENT GIVE PRIORITY ASSISTANCE IN FACILITATING GOL'S REQUEST.

4. AWARE THAT IT MIGHT PERHAPS NOT BE ADVISABLE FOR US TO CHOOSE US GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AS CANDIDATES, SKAF LEAVES SELECTION ENTIRELY TO US, EVEN THOUGH HE DOES HAVE PREFERENCE FOR SOMEONE FROM BUREAU OF RECLAMATION. AGAIN, HIS CITING EDISON INSTITUTE IS ONLY ILLUSTRATIVE, FOR HE WOULD BE SATISFIED WITH CANDIDATES FROM MIT OR ANY OTHER BODY THE DEPARTMENT MAY CONSIDER QUALIFIED AND WHO ARE RECOGNIZED EXPERTS. WHAT ESSENTIAL ARE TWO EXPERTS WHO COULD APPEAR ON SCENE RAPIDLY AND WHOSE COMPETENCE AND IMPARTIALITY ARE BEYOND REPROACH. BUFFUM

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